

Abstract of the Disclosure

When an electric power is supplied to an image communication device of a user to perform telephone communication between the user and a person on the other
5 end of the communication line, an on-off switch is automatically set to an off state on user's side under control of a video mute control unit so as to disconnect a video data coding/decoding unit from a video data receiving unit. Therefore, no video data received in the
10 video data receiving unit is transmitted from the user to the other end of the communication line. Thereafter, when the user inputs a video mute-off instruction, an on-off switch is set to an on state under control of the video mute control unit so as to connect the video data
15 coding/decoding unit and the video data receiving unit. Therefore, video data received in the video data receiving unit is transmitted from the user to the other end of the communication line. Accordingly, radio communication or wire communication can be performed without troublesome
20 operations or the careless sending of a picture photographing the user to the other end of the communication line.